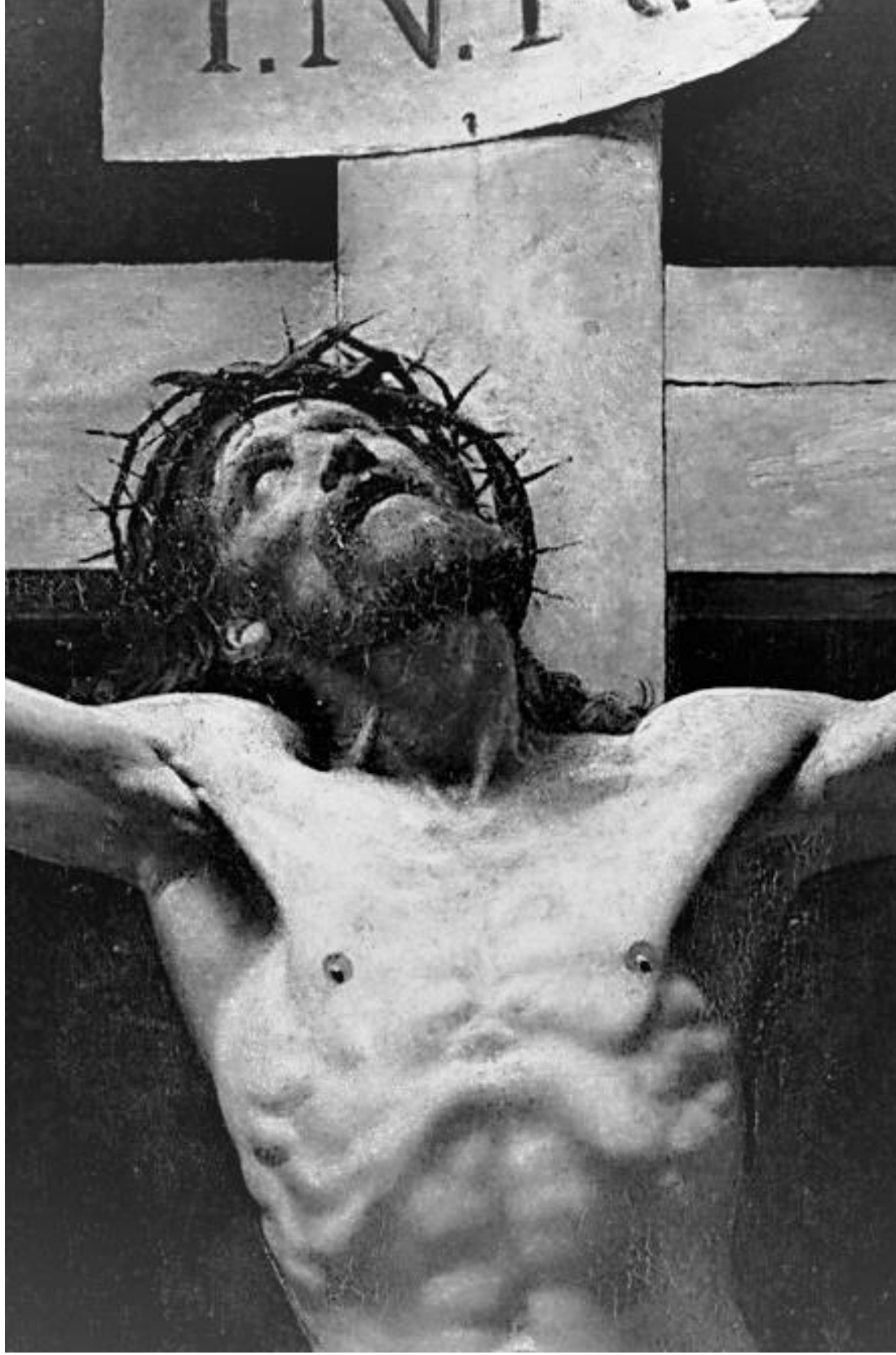


Passiontide

APRIL 18, 2025 • FRIDAY, NOON & 7:00 P.M.

TRIDUUM: GOOD FRIDAY



FOR WHEN WE HAD BEEN CREATED BY GOD THE FATHER AND HAD RECEIVED FROM HIM ALL KINDS OF GOOD, THE DEVIL CAME AND LED US INTO DISOBEDIENCE, SIN, DEATH, AND ALL EVIL [GENESIS 3]. SO WE FELL UNDER GOD'S WRATH AND DISPLEASURE AND WERE DOOMED TO ETERNAL DAMNATION, JUST AS WE HAD MERITED AND DESERVED. THERE WAS NO COUNSEL, HELP, OR COMFORT UNTIL THIS ONLY AND ETERNAL SON OF GOD—IN HIS IMMEASURABLE GOODNESS—HAD COMPASSION UPON OUR MISERY AND WRETCHEDNESS. HE CAME FROM HEAVEN TO HELP US [JOHN 1:9]. SO THOSE TYRANTS AND JAILERS ARE ALL EXPELLED NOW. IN THEIR PLACE HAS COME JESUS CHRIST, LORD OF LIFE, RIGHTEOUSNESS, EVERY BLESSING, AND SALVATION. HE HAS DELIVERED US POOR, LOST PEOPLE FROM HELL'S JAWS, HAS WON US, HAS MADE US FREE [ROMANS 8:1-2], AND HAS BROUGHT US AGAIN INTO THE FATHER'S FAVOR AND GRACE. HE HAS TAKEN US AS HIS OWN PROPERTY UNDER HIS SHELTER AND PROTECTION [PSALM 61:3-4] SO THAT HE MAY GOVERN US BY HIS RIGHTEOUSNESS, WISDOM, POWER, LIFE, AND BLESSEDNESS.

-LARGE CATECHISM, PART II. THE APOSTLE'S CREED, 28-30

TENEBRAE VESPERS



Because of the solemnity of Passiontide, please enter in prayerful silence.

Please stand when directed.

OPENING VERSICLES

- P** O Lord, open my lips,
C **and my mouth will declare your praise.** *Psalm 51:15*
- P** Make haste, O God to deliver me;
C **make hast to help me, O Lord.** *Psalm 70:1*
Praise to You, O Christ, Lamb of our salvation.

Sitting

PSALMODY

Psalm 140:1-7, 12-13; antiphon: Isaiah 53:4a, 5a, 6a, c

- P** Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows.
He was wounded for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities.
All we like sheep have gone astray;
and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.
- P** Deliver me, O LORD, from evil men;
C **preserve me from violent men,**
- P** who plan evil things in their heart
C **and stir up wars continually.**
- P** They make their tongue sharp as a serpent's,
C **and under their lips is the venom of asps.**
- P** Guard me, O LORD, from the hands of the wicked; preserve me from violent men,
C **who have planned to trip up my feet.**
- P** The arrogant have hidden a trap for me, and with cords they have spread a net;
C **beside the way they have set snares for me.**

P I say to the LORD, You are my God;
C give ear to the voice of my pleas for mercy, O LORD!

P O LORD, my Lord, the strength of my salvation,
C you have covered my head in the day of battle.

P I know that the LORD will maintain the cause of the afflicted,
C and will execute justice for the needy.

P Surely the righteous shall give thanks to your name;
C the upright shall dwell in your presence.

P Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows.
He was wounded for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities.
All we like sheep have gone astray;
and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

THE PASSION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST

HYMN

Lutheran Service Book 450 (stanza 1)

"O Sacred Head, Now Wounded"

1 O sa - cred Head, now wound-ed, With grief and shame weighed down,
Now scorn - ful - ly sur-round-ed With thorns, Thine on - ly crown.
O sa - cred Head, what glo - ry, What bliss, till now was Thine!
Yet, though de-spised and gor - y, I joy to call Thee mine.

READING

Betrayal and Arrest of Jesus

A The Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. John.

When Jesus had spoken these words, he went out with his disciples across the brook Kidron, where there was a garden, which he and his disciples entered. Now Judas, who betrayed him, also knew the place, for Jesus often met there with his disciples. So Judas, having procured a band of soldiers and some officers from the chief priests and the Pharisees, went there with lanterns and torches and weapons. Then Jesus, knowing all that would happen to him, came forward and said to them, "Whom do you seek?" They answered him, "Jesus of Nazareth." Jesus said to them, "I am he." Judas, who betrayed him, was

standing with them. When Jesus said to them, "I am he," they drew back and fell to the ground. So he asked them again, "Whom do you seek?" And they said, "Jesus of Nazareth." Jesus answered, "I told you that I am he. So, if you seek me, let these men go." This was to fulfill the word that he had spoken: "Of those whom you gave me I have lost not one." Then Simon Peter, having a sword, drew it and struck the high priest's servant and cut off his right ear. (The servant's name was Malchus.) So Jesus said to Peter, "Put your sword into its sheath; shall I not drink the cup that the Father has given me?" *John 18:1-11*

The first candle is extinguished.

HYMN

Lutheran Service Book 450 (stanza 2)

"O Sacred Head, Now Wounded"

2 How pale Thou art with an-guish, With sore a-buse and scorn!
How doth Thy face now lan-guish That once was bright as morn!
Grim death, with cru-el rig-or, Hath robbed Thee of Thy life;
Thus Thou hast lost Thy vig-or, Thy strength, in this sad strife.

READING

Jesus before the High Priest and the Denial of Peter

A So the band of soldiers and their captain and the officers of the Jews arrested Jesus and bound him. First they led him to Annas, for he was the father-in-law of Caiaphas, who was high priest that year. It was Caiaphas who had advised the Jews that it would be expedient that one man should die for the people.

Simon Peter followed Jesus, and so did another disciple. Since that disciple was known to the high priest, he entered with Jesus into the courtyard of the high priest, but Peter stood outside at the door. So the other disciple, who was known to the high priest, went out and spoke to the servant girl who kept watch at the door, and brought Peter in. The servant girl at the door said to Peter, "You also are not one of this man's disciples, are you?" He said, "I am not." Now the servants and officers had made a charcoal fire, because it was cold, and they were standing and warming themselves. Peter also was with them, standing and warming himself.

The high priest then questioned Jesus about his disciples and his teaching.

Jesus answered him, "I have spoken openly to the world. I have always taught in synagogues and in the temple, where all Jews come together. I have said nothing in secret. Why do you ask me? Ask those who have heard me what I said to them; they know what I said." When he had said these things, one of the officers standing by struck Jesus with his hand, saying, "Is that how you answer the high priest?" Jesus answered him, "If what I said is wrong, bear witness about the wrong; but if what I said is right, why do you strike me?" Annas then sent him bound to Caiaphas the high priest.

Now Simon Peter was standing and warming himself. So they said to him, "You also are not one of his disciples, are you?" He denied it and said, "I am not." One of the servants of the high priest, a relative of the man whose ear Peter had cut off, asked, "Did I not see you in the garden with him?" Peter again denied it, and at once a rooster crowed.

John 18:12-27

Another candle is extinguished.

HYMN

Lutheran Service Book 450 (stanza 3)

“O Sacred Head, Now Wounded”

3 What Thou, my Lord, hast suf - fered Was all for sin - ners' gain;
Mine, mine was the trans-gres-sion, But Thine the dead - ly pain.
Lo, here I fall, my Sav - ior! 'Tis I de-serve Thy place;
Look on me with Thy fa - vor, And grant to me Thy grace.

READING

A Then they led Jesus from the house of Caiaphas to the governor's headquarters. It was early morning. They themselves did not enter the governor's headquarters, so that they would not be defiled, but could eat the Passover. So Pilate went outside to them and said, "What accusation do you bring against this man?" They answered him, "If this man were not doing evil, we would not have delivered him over to you." Pilate said to them, "Take him yourselves and judge him by your own law." The Jews said to him, "It is not lawful for us to put anyone to death." This was to fulfill the word that Jesus had spoken to show by what kind of death he was going to die.

So Pilate entered his headquarters again and called Jesus and said to him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" Jesus answered, "Do you say this of your own accord, or did others say it to you about me?" Pilate answered, "Am I a Jew? Your own nation

Jesus before Pilate

and the chief priests have delivered you over to me. What have you done?" Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not of this world. If my kingdom were of this world, my servants would have been fighting, that I might not be delivered over to the Jews. But my kingdom is not from the world." Then Pilate said to him, "So you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. For this purpose I was born and for this purpose I have come into the world—to bear witness to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth listens to my voice." Pilate said to him, "What is truth?"

After he had said this, he went back outside to the Jews and told them, "I find no guilt in him. But you have a custom that I should release one man for you at the Passover. So do you want me to release to you the King of the Jews?" They cried out again, "Not this man, but Barabbas!" Now Barabbas was a robber.

John 18:28-40

Another candle is extinguished.

HYMN

Lutheran Service Book 450 (stanza 4)

“O Sacred Head, Now Wounded”

4 My Shep - herd, now re - ceive me; My Guard - ian, own me Thine.
Great bless - ings Thou didst give me, O Source of gifts di - vine.
Thy lips have of - ten fed me With words of truth and love;
Thy Spir - it oft hath led me To heav'n - ly joys a - bove.

READING

A Then Pilate took Jesus and flogged him. And the soldiers twisted together a crown of thorns and put it on his head and arrayed him in a purple robe. They came up to him, saying, “Hail, King of the Jews!” and struck him with their hands. Pilate went out again and said to them, “See, I am bringing him out to you that you may know that I find no guilt in him.” So Jesus came out, wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe. Pilate said to them, “Behold the man!” When the chief priests and the officers saw him, they cried out, “Crucify him, crucify him!” Pilate said to them, “Take him yourselves and crucify him, for I find no guilt in him.” The Jews answered him, “We have a law, and according to that law he ought to die because he has made himself the Son of God.” When Pilate heard this statement, he was even more afraid. He entered his headquarters again and said to Jesus, “Where are you from?” But Jesus gave him no answer. So Pilate said to him, “You will not speak to me? Do you not know

Jesus Prepared for Crucifixion

that I have authority to release you and authority to crucify you?” Jesus answered him, “You would have no authority over me at all unless it had been given you from above. Therefore he who delivered me over to you has the greater sin.”

From then on Pilate sought to release him, but the Jews cried out, “If you release this man, you are not Caesar's friend. Everyone who makes himself a king opposes Caesar.” So when Pilate heard these words, he brought Jesus out and sat down on the judgment seat at a place called The Stone Pavement, and in Aramaic Gabbatha. Now it was the day of Preparation of the Passover. It was about the sixth hour. He said to the Jews, “Behold your King!” They cried out, “Away with him, away with him, crucify him!” Pilate said to them, “Shall I crucify your King?” The chief priests answered, “We have no king but Caesar.” So he delivered him over to them to be crucified.

John 19:1-16a

Another candle is extinguished.

HYMN

Lutheran Service Book 450 (stanza 5)

“O Sacred Head, Now Wounded”

5 What lan - guage shall I bor - row To thank Thee, dear - est Friend,
For this Thy dy - ing sor - row, Thy pit - y with - out end?
O make me Thine for - ev - er! And should I faint - ing be,
Lord, let me nev - er, nev - er, Out - live my love for Thee.

Standing

READING

P So they took Jesus, and he went out, bearing his own cross, to the place called The Place of a Skull, which in Aramaic is called Golgotha. There they crucified him, and with him two others, one on either side, and Jesus between them. Pilate also wrote an inscription and put it on the cross. It read, “Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews.” Many of the Jews read this inscription, for the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city, and it was written in Aramaic, in Latin, and in Greek. So the chief priests of the Jews said to Pilate, “Do not write, ‘The King of the Jews,’ but rather, ‘This man said, I am King of

The Crucifixion of Jesus

the Jews.” Pilate answered, “What I have written I have written.”

When the soldiers had crucified Jesus, they took his garments and divided them into four parts, one part for each soldier; also his tunic. But the tunic was seamless, woven in one piece from top to bottom, so they said to one another, “Let us not tear it, but cast lots for it to see whose it shall be.” This was to fulfill the Scripture which says,

“They divided my garments among them,
and for my clothing they cast lots.”

John 19:16b-24a

Another candle is extinguished.

HYMN

Lutheran Service Book 450 (stanza 6)

“O Sacred Head, Now Wounded”

6 My Sav - ior, be Thou near me When death is at my door;
Then let Thy pres - ence cheer me, For - sake me nev - er - more!
When soul and bod - y lan - guish, O leave me not a - lone,
But take a - way mine an - guish By vir - tue of Thine own!

READING

P So the soldiers did these things, but standing by the cross of Jesus were his mother and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to his mother, "Woman, behold, your son!" Then he said to the disciple, "Behold, your mother!" And from that hour the disciple took her to his own home.

Another candle is extinguished.

Jesus' Mother and His Death

After this, Jesus, knowing that all was now finished, said (to fulfill the Scripture), "I thirst." A jar full of sour wine stood there, so they put a sponge full of the sour wine on a hyssop branch and held it to his mouth. When Jesus had received the sour wine, he said, "It is finished," and he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

John 19:24b-30

HYMN

Lutheran Service Book 450 (stanza 7)

“O Sacred Head, Now Wounded”

7 Be Thou my con - so - la - tion, My shield, when I must die;
Re - mind me of Thy pas - sion When my last hour draws nigh.
Mine eyes shall then be - hold Thee, Up - on Thy cross shall dwell,
My heart by faith en - fold Thee. Who di - eth thus dies well.

READING

P Since it was the day of Preparation, and so that the bodies would not remain on the cross on the Sabbath (for that Sabbath was a high day), the Jews asked Pilate that their legs might be broken and that they might be taken away. So the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first, and of the other who had been crucified with him. But when they came to Jesus and saw that he was already dead, they did not break his legs. But one of the soldiers pierced his side with a spear, and at once there came out blood and water. He who saw it has borne witness—his testimony is true, and he knows that he is telling the truth—that you also may believe. For these things took place that the Scripture might be fulfilled: “Not one of his bones will be broken.” And again another Scripture says, “They will look on him whom they have pierced.”

Jesus’ Side is Pierced

After these things Joseph of Arimathea, who was a disciple of Jesus, but secretly for fear of the Jews, asked Pilate that he might take away the body of Jesus, and Pilate gave him permission. So he came and took away his body. Nicodemus also, who earlier had come to Jesus by night, came bringing a mixture of myrrh and aloes, about seventy-five pounds in weight. So they took the body of Jesus and bound it in linen cloths with the spices, as is the burial custom of the Jews. Now in the place where he was crucified there was a garden, and in the garden a new tomb in which no one had yet been laid. So because of the Jewish day of Preparation, since the tomb was close at hand, they laid Jesus there.

John 19:31-42

P O Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God.

The final candle is extinguished.

Please remain standing.

RESPONSORY

P We have an advocate with the Father; Jesus is the propitiation for our sins.

1 John 2:1-2

C He was delivered up to death; He was delivered for the sins of the people.

[Mark 10:33]

P Blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven and whose sin is put away.

Psalm 32:1

C He was delivered up to death; He was delivered for the sins of the people.

[Mark 10:33]

P We have an advocate with the Father; Jesus is the propitiation for our sins.

1 John 2:1-2

C He was delivered up to death; He was delivered for the sins of the people.

[Mark 10:33]

Sitting

OFFICE HYMN

Lutheran Service Book 448

"O Darkest Woe"



1 O dark - est woe! Ye tears, forth flow! Has
2 O sor - row dread! Our God is dead, Up -
3 O child of woe: Who struck the blow That
4 Thy Bride - groom dead! God's Lamb has bled Up -



earth so sad a won - der? God the Fa - ther's
on the cross ex - tend - ed. There His love en -
killed our gra - cious Mas - ter? "It was I," thy
on thy sin for - ev - er, Pour - ing out His



on - ly Son Now is bur - ied yon - der.
liv - ened us As His life was end - ed.
con - science cries, "I have wrought dis - as - ter!"
sin - less self In this vast en - deav - or.

5 Such innocence!

His countenance

A fount of faith undying!

Worlds on worlds cannot contain

Grief at Him here lying.

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6 O Virgin's Son,
What Thou hast won
Is far beyond all telling:
How our God, detested, died,
Hell and devil felling.

7 O Jesus Christ,
Who sacrificed
Thy life for lifeless mortals:
Be my life in death and bring
Me to heaven's portals!

SERMON

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Standing

CANTICLE ~ *Song of Habakkuk*

Habakkuk 3:1-6, 13, 18-19; antiphon: 3:18

P I will rejoice in the LORD; I will take joy in the God of my salvation.

P O LORD, I have heard the report of You,
C and Your work, O LORD, do I fear.

P In the midst of the years revive it; in the midst of the years make it known;
C in wrath remember mercy.

P I will rejoice in the LORD; I will take joy in the God of my salvation.

P God came from Teman,
C and the Holy One from Mount Paran.

P His splendor covered the heavens,
C and the earth was full of His praise.

P His brightness was like the light; rays flashed from His hand;
C and there He veiled His power.

P Before Him went pestilence,
C and plague followed at His heels.

- P** He stood and measured the earth;
C **He looked and shook the nations;**
- P** then the eternal mountains were scattered; the everlasting hills sank low.
C **His were the everlasting ways.**
- P** I will rejoice in the LORD; I will take joy in the God of my salvation.
- P** You went out for the salvation of Your people,
C **for the salvation of Your anointed.**
- P** You crushed the head of the house of the wicked,
C **laying him bare from thigh to neck.**
- P** Yet I will rejoice in the LORD;*
C **I will take joy in the God of my salvation.**
- P** God, the LORD, is my strength; He makes my feet like the deer's*;
C **He makes me tread on my high places.**
- P** I will rejoice in the LORD; I will take joy in the God of my salvation.

Kneeling or sitting forward.

PRAYERS

- P** Lord, have mercy.
C **Lord, have mercy.**
- P** Christ, have mercy.
C **Christ, have mercy.**
- P** Lord, have mercy.
C **Lord, have mercy.**
- C** **Our Father who art in heaven,**
hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven;
give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
- For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory**
forever and ever. Amen.

P The Lord be with you.

C **And with thy spirit.**

P Let us pray.

Almighty God, graciously behold this your family for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed and delivered into the hands of sinful men to suffer death upon the cross; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

P Almighty and everlasting God, You sent Your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, to take upon Himself our flesh and to suffer death upon the cross. Mercifully grant that we may follow the example of His great humility and patience and be made partakers of His resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C **Amen.**

P Almighty and everlasting God, You willed that Your Son should bear for us the pains of the cross and so remove from us the power of the adversary. Help us to remember and give thanks for our Lord's passion that we may receive forgiveness of sin and redemption from everlasting death; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C **Amen.**

Standing

The Paschal candle is processed out of the sanctuary, not to return until the Easter Vigil.

Please leave in prayerful silence.

SERVING IN OUR WORSHIP

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